(b) With a view to facilitating disposal of cases including pending cases in the superior courts, Government reviews the Judge Strength in the High Courts periodically and ensures prompt filling up of vacancies in the High Courts and the Supreme Court. In the last review undertaken in consultation with Chief Justice of India, the Government has decided to create 152 additional posts of judges in the following High Courts:-

1.	Allahabad	65
2.	Andhra Pradesh	10
3.	Bombay	11
4.	Calcutta	08
5.	Delhi	12
6.	Himachal Pradesh	02
7.	Karnataka	01
8.	Kerala	09
9.	Madhya Pradesh	01
10.	Punjab and Haryana	15
11.	Jharkhand	8
12.	Chhattisgarh	10
	Total	152

The Government has also approved the increase in the judge strength of the Supreme Court from the present 25 to 30 excluding the Chief Justice of India.

(c) Time bound disposal of cases is within the exclusive domain of judiciary. However, in order to reduce pendency of cases, the Government has initiated a number of measures. Government is implementing a scheme for computerization of District and Subordinate Courts. Fast Track Courts have been set up for speedy disposal of long pending Sessions cases and the cases involving undertrials in jails. Alternative modes of disposal including mediation, negotiation and arbitration have been encouraged. Some legislative measures have also been introduced for improvement in judicial procedure and for expediting disposal of civil and criminal cases in courts.

Review of procedure of appointment of Judges

222. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bar Council of India has urged Government to review the existing procedure for appointment of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether members of the Bar and persons of highest repute and experience have been recommended to be included for the selection of Judges; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of the Bar Council of India and to bring transparency in the selection of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts are made in pursuance to the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record and Anr. Vs. Union of India, read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998. In the case of Supreme Court, the proposals are initiated and recommended by the Chief Justice of India while in the case of appointments of High Courts, the proposals are initiated by the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court and recommended by the Chief Justice of India.

Review of outdated laws

223. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has asked the States to set up State Law Commissions, to review the outdated laws and to update the legal system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, to enact the new laws by the States, approval of the Central Government would be required; and

(d) if so, how the review of outdated laws is going to impart speedy justice to the common man?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Hon'ble Chairman Law Commission of India has addressed a letter dated 17th September 2008 to the Chief Minister of 21 States, who has not set up State Law Commission.

(b) and (d) The Legislature of a State has exclusive power to make laws for the whole or any part of the State with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List-II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule and has power to make laws with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List-III (Concurrent List) of the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of the Constitution. The laws are reviewed/amended from time to time with a view to coordinate and harmonize for providing justice to common man.

Setting up of Lok Adalats

224. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: